

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center



**6685 Coolidge Highway
Troy, MI 48098-1943
248.524.3567**



Nature Center Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Saturday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon-5 pm

Holiday Closures:

Memorial Day - May 23-25
Independence Day - July 4
Labor Day weekend - September 5-7

Nature Center Trails: Starting May 1 through October 31, the trails will be open for walking until 9 pm on normal business days.

The Stage Nature Center is a 100-acre facility operated by the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to our scheduled programs, the interpretive center and trails are open during posted hours. Come and enjoy our new exhibits, climbing boulders and Children's Nature Area.

Let the Stage Nature Center be your gateway to the natural world! There are more than two miles of nature trails for you to enjoy, winding through meadows, forest, and stream. These trails are for **walking only**, please leave bikes in the bike rack near the parking lot. Jogging, pets, and collecting are not allowed.

"Our mission is to create passion for, and knowledge of, the natural world in the hearts and minds of our citizens, which will lead to increased understanding, and stewardship of our natural environment."

Icon Key



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Naturalist Backpack Rental

Year round you can rent a naturalist's backpack equipped with lots of exploring equipment to make your hike along our trails an interactive experience for your whole family. Cost is \$11 for two hours.

Stop at the SNC front desk during regular business hours for details!



Admission Fee for the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

Beginning July 1, 2009 the Nature Center is implementing a \$1 per person daily admission fee. This fee will be collected when a patron accesses the nature center building or the trails. This fee will not be collected when attending, volunteering, registering for a program or shopping at Cattail Cove Giftshop. An Annual Pass for a family or an individual can be purchased using the form below. It can be mailed or dropped off at the nature center. The nature center staff appreciates your support for our educational programming and the nature center facility.

Annual Pass: (Valid July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)

\$10/Individual

\$25/Family (Immediate family members only)

An Annual Pass entitles the bearer to:

- free admission to the nature center
- a member's only event
- a 20% discount at Mistletree and Moonlight

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center Annual Pass

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

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I would like to purchase:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pass	@ \$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pass	@ \$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation	@ _____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

Please mail this form (with payment) to or drop off at:
Stage Nature Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI 48098

Invasive Plant Pull

Saturdays, May 16, and 30
10 am

We are looking for individuals or groups (ages 14-adult) to volunteer and help us preserve our native flora by eradicating “**Garlic Mustard**”, an invasive nonnative plant. The only equipment needed is “old fashioned elbow grease” and garden gloves. No power tools are necessary or allowed. Bring a kneeling pad, if desired. Call 248.524.3567 to register or for more information.



“Weather” or Not

What is weather? How does it affect our outdoor activities? How do plants and animals adapt to the weather? What makes a storm and how do we stay safe during one? Join us as we explore what makes weather happen. There will be lots of “hands-on” learning fun, including our Teaching Tornado, to help everyone discover more about what causes it to be rainy, snowy, sunny, or cloudy. Everyone will make a “cool” rain stick to take home. It sounds just like rain hitting a roof! Please dress for the weather as we will be going outside. **Minimum registration numbers are required by May 10.**

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Age	Date	Time	Day	NR	Res Disc
327356A	7-10	May 17	3-4:30 pm	Sun	\$9	\$7



Scout It Out

Brownies can complete a try-it activity during this hands-on two-hour program! All scouting requirements are met. Scouts will receive a certificate of completion; however we cannot furnish the badge or try-it itself.

Dress for the weather, scouts will be outside rain or shine. Scouts must have adult supervision, either their leader or parent. No charge for adults. Sorry, there are no refunds for this activity.

Note: Each Brownie Scout must bring a 1-pound metal coffee can (or large metal soup can) with the top and bottom removed.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Fee: \$7

Brownies - Water Everywhere

Minimum registration numbers required by May 23.

Activity#	Age	Day	Time	Date
327216A	Brownies	Sat	9-11 am	May 30
327216B	Brownies	Sat	12-2 pm	May 30

RIVER DAY 2009

Saturday, June 6 at Stage Nature Center
9 am-1 pm

Join our volunteers this year, as we work in the headwaters of the Rouge River to improve the natural habitat along the stream at the Stage Nature Center. This upstream reach of the Rouge River is home to some of the most pristine water in the entire Rouge River Watershed, including amphibians, fish and aquatic insects that are only found in high-quality waterways. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt and BBQ lunch.

Activities include:

Streambank Stabilization, Native Plant Restoration,
Invasive Plant Removal and Building Trails

To volunteer, contact: Jen Lawson at 248.524.3381 or by e-mail at: j.lawson@troymi.gov

Kids Celebrate Your Birthday

...at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center! Our birthday parties are a special way to celebrate your youngster's special day.

These two-hour parties include a naturalist-led talk, live animal demo, nature activity, hike, decorations, invitations, and a gift for each party participant.

Children ages 4-7 can choose from:

- Birthday at the Pond
- Making Sense of Nature
- Furs, Feathers and Fins

Children ages 8-12 can choose from:

- Secrets of the Forest
- The Rap on Raptors (Birds of Prey)
- Wildlife Trackers

Cost is \$132 for up to 12 children, with \$11 for each additional child up to a maximum of 18.

Call us at 248.524.3567 for more details or to book your party!

Walk With a Naturalist on Wednesdays

in coordination with the Walk Michigan Program

Have a naturalist guide you through various habitats and answer your nature questions. After the hike, sign up to win a trip to Mackinac Island! Children must be accompanied by an adult. More Walk Michigan details on page 78.

Location: Stage Nature Center **Fee:** Free!

Ages	Day	Time	Date
3-adult	Wed	10-11 am	June 17
3-adult	Wed	10-11 am	August 5



Summer Ecology Days

Give your child a special opportunity to study the science of ecology – the study of the interrelationships between living and nonliving things and their environment – by signing them up for this fantastic four-day program!

Every adventure-filled day will include fun interactive games, activities, and crafts. Children will use pond nets to catch aquatic animals, sweep for insects in the meadow, explore life on a log using bug boxes and magnifiers, look for signs of wildlife along the trail, and much more! There will be lots of exciting things for your child to do each day, rain or shine!

Bring a sack lunch each day, we will provide the refreshments and an afternoon snack. **Minimum registration numbers are required by June 16.**

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time	Day	NR	Res Disc
337019A	6-7	6/23-26	8:30 am-4 pm	Tu-F	\$95	\$90
337019B	8-10	6/23-26	8:30 am-4 pm	Tu-F	\$95	\$90

Yoga, Naturally

Instructor Janice Bahura will train you in the proper techniques and basics of Hatha Yoga, emphasizing plant and animal postures found in nature. This series of ten classes is great for the beginner or continuing student. Previous yoga experience is not required. Wear loose comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat, and a towel. Yoga blocks or straps are optional. At the instructor's discretion some classes may be held outside. 10 classes.

Participants must be registered prior to class time. Minimum registration numbers are required by June 21.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Instructor: Janice Bahura

Activity#	Ages	Day	Dates	Time	NR	Res Disc
337329A	12-adult	Sun	6/28-8/30	1-2 pm	\$105	\$100



Take a Peek at the Pond

Use one of our nets to look for animals living in the pond. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity #	Date	Time	Ages	NR	Res Disc
337858A	Fri, July 3	10-11am	3-Adult	\$6	\$4
337858B	Fri, Aug 7	10-11am	3-Adult	\$6	\$4



Earth Camp

Facilitated by the Stage Nature Center and Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Young campers will discover the art in nature while splitting their days between ecology adventures using pond and insect nets, bug boxes and magnifiers with artistic exploration through creative movement, story dramatization, music, painting and more!

Campers should dress comfortably and be prepared to get messy. Bring a sack lunch each day, refreshments and an afternoon snack will be provided. Camp is 4 days: Tuesday-Friday.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Ages	Dates	Time	NR	Res Disc
337250A	6-12	7/21-24	8:30 am-4 pm	\$190	\$180
337250B	6-12	7/28-31	8:30 am-4 pm	\$190	\$180



The Great Troy Campout

June 27-28 at the Troy Farm

Start your summer vacation out right with a family camping trip right here in Troy! Activities include campfire cooking and safety, dry-canoeing, backpacking demos, scavenger hunt, Girl Scout "snack, craft & read," night hike, and s'mores! We provide dinner, snacks and breakfast. Please bring your own tent and sleeping gear (REI has half-price rentals available for participants!). A limited number of pop-ups or 18' trailers can be accommodated on a first-come basis. This is a family program; all children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no refunds for inclement weather. Call 248.524.3567 for more information.

Check-in: 3pm, Saturday, June 27th

Check-out: 11am, Sunday, June 28th



Great Campout Reservation Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (____) _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Tent, pop-up or trailer? _____

I would like to register

- ☐ Troy family (4 people) @ \$50 \$ _____
- ☐ Troy individual (1 person) @ \$15 ea. \$ _____
- ☐ Non-Res family (4 people) @ \$55 \$ _____
- ☐ Non-Res individual (1 person) @ \$17 ea. \$ _____

Children under 3 are admitted free.

Please mail this registration form (with payment) to or drop off at: Stage Nature Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI 48098
 Make checks payable to: City of Troy -SNC



Canoe School

Come out to Sylvan Glen Lake Park for your one and only chance to canoe in Troy and receive canoe instruction from Heavner Canoe's qualified staff. You will use your new paddling skills to travel through various aqua-habitats on Sylvan Glen Lake with a professional naturalist from the Stage Nature Center. Program cost includes a \$5 off coupon for Heavner Canoe redeemable on a future canoe ride at their Milford location on the Huron River! One canoe will fit up to two adults and two children. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and waivers must be filled out prior to using a canoe. Space is limited, sign up early!

Location: Sylvan Glen Lake Park

Activity #	Ages	Date	Time	NR	Res Disc
337701A	5-11	Sat, July 25	9-11am	\$12	\$10
337701B	12-adult	Sat, July 25	9-11am	\$22	\$20
337701C	5-11	Sat, July 25	1-3 pm	\$12	\$10
337701D	12-adult	Sat, July 25	1-3 pm	\$22	\$20



Flea Market at the Farm

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Every Saturday in August, from 9 am to 3 pm, the Troy Farm will welcome shoppers to stroll about our outdoor market and enjoy the many craft, antique, and specialty food vendors. Make sure to mark your calendars, and come join us for these fun-filled days of thrift and frivolity!

Call the Nature Center at 248.524.3567 for vendor information.



Adopt-a-Nature Center Critter

Adopt a critter as a family, individual, scout group, classroom, or as a gift and you will help pay for food and care for your critter for a whole year! With your adoption of your critter of choice, you will receive a photo, biography, certificate, and a painting made by the animal you adopted – a real piece of animal artwork! Applications available at the SNC.

Fee: \$150/yr (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)



Digging up the Past!

Get your hands dirty and discover the science of archaeology and paleontology! This Nature Center program is offered in collaboration with the Troy Museum and will include visits to Cranbrook Institute of Science for the "Hatching the Past Exhibit" and to Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Registration includes professional naturalist and museum instruction, field trip fees, snacks and all hands-on activities. Parents are responsible for transportation to the various locations. Children must bring a sack lunch each day.

Location: Stage Nature Center, Troy Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, and Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Registration: Contact the Troy Museum at 248.524.3570 to register for this program.

Ages	Day	Time	Date	Fee
9-13	Tu-F	9 am-4 pm	Aug 4-7	\$125



Lights and Sounds of Summer Nights

Experience nature at dusk – when animals make magical music and insects glow in the dark! No need to bring a flashlight, we'll hike by the light of the moon. This is a family program; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each person participating must enroll and pay the fee.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time	NR	Res Disc
337805A	7-adult	Fri, Aug 7	7:30-9 pm	\$6	\$4

Creepy-Crawlie Critters

Parents 'n Tots

We'll have lots of hands-on fun for your 3-6 year old with a parent/grandparent as we search for worms, sowbugs, spiders, and other creepy-crawlies. The adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time	NR	Res Disc
337032A	3-6	Sun, Aug 9	3-4:30 pm	\$12	\$10

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a Scavenger Hunt at the front desk of the Nature Center and return completed for a prize! Designed for ages 3-adult, this will surely add some fun to your hike. Available during regular business hours for \$3 each.

Visit SNC for more details!

Wild Adventure Camps

Facilitated by Oakland County Parks and Recreation

Both are week-long day camps facilitated by Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Camp is held every day at Independence Oaks Park. **Transportation to and from this park is provided with pick-up and drop-off at the Nature Center at the times listed below. Fees will be assessed for picking up campers late, see page 87.**

Wild Adventures Camp



Fun and safe activities to bring learning and fun together as one – geocaching, star lab, big wheeling, fishing, and fort building to name a few. From camouflage (a new twist on hide and seek), to crafts, to climbing towers, to waterparks, the adventure never ends! Give your child a chance to create memories and great stories for them to take back to school this year! Registration ends August 3.

Destination: Independence Oaks

Staff: Oakland County Camp Staff

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time*	Day	NR	Res	Disc
337030A	6-10	8/10-14	8:40 am-4:10 pm	M-F	\$160	\$155	

*Pick-up and drop off times are approximate



T.O.G.A. EXTREME Camp (Teens Outside Great Adventures)

Formerly Wild Adventures EXTREME

T.O.G.A. EXTREME combines outdoor leadership, adventure, teambuilding, and outdoor recreation into five days full of fun and excitement! Paddling, climbing, geocaching, and mountain biking are just the beginning. On Thursday, enjoy a day-long canoe trip on the Huron River followed by a cookout, campfire drum circle, and campout under the stars at Camp Wilderness. The week ends with a fun and relaxing Beach Bash – sand sculptures, limbo contest, and more. Bring your friends and take it to the EXTREME! Registration ends August 10.

NOTE: Due to the sleep-over on Thursday, there is no afternoon bus returning from camp to the SNC on Thursday and no morning bus leaving for camp from the SNC on Friday.

Destination: Independence Oaks

Staff: Oakland County Camp Staff

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time*	Day	NR	Res	Disc
337030B	11-15	8/17-21	8:40 am-4:10 pm	M-F	\$195	\$190	

*Pick-up and drop off times are approximate

Register Now!



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Little Acorns

Let your child explore the sights and sounds of nature through outdoor activities. This program will take place outside, except in the event of inclement weather. Bring children in strollers sturdy enough for a wood chipped trail. The adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity#	Ages	Date	Time	Day	NR	Res	Disc
337051A	1-3	Aug 27	10-11 am	Thu	\$6	\$4	
337051B	3-4	Aug 27	1-2 pm	Thu	\$6	\$4	
337051C	1-3	Aug 28	10-11 am	Fri	\$6	\$4	

Junior Naturalist Club



The Junior Naturalist Club (JNC) is a very popular year-long, award-winning program dedicated to teaching your children about nature. We believe in learning while having fun.

The JNC meets the second or third Saturday of each month and everyday for one week in July. The membership fee includes all meetings, lots of “hands on” activities, crafts, patches, naturalist kits, and a family barbecue during July Week. Great natural fun for your child!

Non-members can attend Saturday meetings (for \$9 at the door) when space is available. Phone the Stage Nature Center to inquire about space availability.

Location: Stage Nature Center

NR: \$103 **Res Disc:** \$98

Activity#	Section	Gr	Day	Time	Date
337461A	Discoverers	4yr	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 12
337462A	Adventurers	K	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 19
337463A	Trackers	1	Sat	10-11:30 am	Sept 12
337464A	Explorers	2	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 19
337465A	Questors	3	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 12
337466A	Seekers	4-5	Sat	12:30-2:30 pm	Sept 19

